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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 15 August 2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/20/2003 was filed after the mailing date of the Application 09/745268 on 12/21/2000. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 3 – 5, 7 – 8, 11, 13 – 15, 17 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hall et al. (US 6,424,837).

Regarding claim 1, Hall teaches transmitting a communication signal from a wireless device to a radio base station (Hall, Col. 4, lines 14 – 16), measure the signal level associated with the communication signal (Hall, Col. 4, lines 32 – 34), obtaining location information of the wireless device by analyzing the call access (Hall, Col. 5, lines 57 – 58) and evaluating the performance of the wireless

system using the measurement of signal level and the location information of the wireless device (Hall, Col. 4, lines 32 – 34 and Col. 5, lines 57 – 58).

Regarding claim 3, Hall teaches that the location information of the wireless device is collected from a plurality of cell sites (Hall, Col. 5, lines 24 – 25 and Col. 6, lines 59 – 61).

Regarding claim 4, Hall teaches that the step of obtaining the location information involves analyzing timestamp data (Hall, Col. 5, lines 26 – 31).

Regarding claim 5, Hall teaches that the step of obtaining the location information involves using a time difference of arrival location processor (Hall, Col. 6, lines 50 – 55).

Regarding claim 7, Hall teaches that the time difference of arrival location processor is in the wireless system (Hall, Col. 6, lines 50 – 55).

Regarding claim 8, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claim 11, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claim 13, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 3.

Regarding claim 14, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 4.

Regarding claim 15, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 5.

Regarding claim 17, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 7.

Regarding claim 18, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

4. Claims 21 – 25 and 27 – 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hawkes et al. (US 5,973,643).

Regarding claim 21, Hawkes teaches a plurality of wireless devices transmitting communications signals to a radio base station (Hawkes, Col. 5, lines 18 – 20), a first receiver located at the radio base station receiving the communication signals and transmits the communication signals to the mobile switching center (Hawkes, Col. 11, lines 54 – 59), a second receiver located at the radio base station monitoring the communication signals and transmitting timestamp data associated with the communications to the switch (Hawkes, Col. 11, lines 52 – 64 and Col. 16, lines 4 – 13) and a central real-time location processor (RLP) coupled to the mobile switching center evaluating the performance of the wireless system based on cellular telephone transmissions (Hawkes, Col. 5, lines 26 – 29 and Col. 10, lines 56 – 59).

Regarding claim 22, Hawkes teaches that a time difference of arrival location processor (CPU, Fig. 4, 27) (Hawkes, Col. 15, lines 38 – 40 and Col. 16, lines 39 – 42) is coupled to the mobile switching center and to the central real-

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time location processor (Hawkes, Col. 5, lines 26 – 29 and Col. 10, lines 56 – 59).

Regarding claim 23, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 21.

Regarding claim 24, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 21.

Regarding claim 25, Hawkes teaches a second receiver receiving location information using TDOA, which has distortion characteristics of the communication signal (Hawkes, Col. 16, lines 4 – 13).

Regarding claim 27, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 21.

Regarding claim 28, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 22.

Regarding claim 29, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 21.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claims 2 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall in view of Rappaport et al. (US 5,451,839).

Regarding claim 2, Hall fails to teach that the performance of the wireless system is performed in real-time. However, Rappaport teaches evaluating the performance of the wireless system is performed in real-time (Rappaport, Col. 3, line 67 through Col. 4, line 10). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Rappaport to Hall to provide a portable real-time network monitoring system for field testing and troubleshooting a cellular telephone network, paging network or mobile radio system.

Regarding claim 12, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 2.

7. Claims 6, 10, 16 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall in view of Kong (US 6,275,186).

Regarding claim 6, Hall teaches the limitations of claim 5. However, Hall fails to teach that the time difference of arrival location processor is in the wireless device. In contrast, Kong teaches that the TDOA location processor (Fig. 3A, 320) is in the mobile station (Kong, Col. 7, lines 19 – 45). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Kong to Hall to provide a device and method for locating an mobile station by measuring the Time Difference Of

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Arrivals and Signal-to-Interference Ratios of forward pilots received from neighbor base stations in a mobile communication system operated in synchronization.

Regarding claim 16, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 6.

Regarding claim 10, Hall as modified by Kong teaches obtaining location information of the mobile station is accomplished using RF finger printing using dispersion characteristics of the communication signal (Kong, Col. 7, lines 28 – 38).

Regarding claim 20, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 10.

8. Claims 9 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hall in view of Ayoub et al. (US 6,477,363).

Regarding claim 9, Hall teaches the limitations of claim 8. However, Hall fails to teach that obtaining location information of the wireless device is accomplished using a global positioning system unit in the wireless device. In contrast, Ayoub teaches obtaining location information of a mobile telephone set (Fig. 1, 1) is accomplished using a location detection unit (GPS, Fig. 1, 12) (Ayoub, Col. 4, lines 2 – 12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Ayoub to Hall to provide a system for communicating the location of an

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emergency caller from a mobile telephone set through a telephone network to a control station handling the emergency all which can be easily implemented.

Regarding claim 19, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 9.

9. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hawkes in view of Ayoub et al. (US 6,477,363).

Regarding claim 26, Hawkes teaches that the second receiver receives location from the plurality of wireless devices (Hawkes, Col. 16, lines 4 – 13). However, Hawkes fails to teach that the receiving location information is from global position system. In contrast, Ayoub teaches obtaining location information of a mobile telephone set (Fig. 1, 1) is accomplished using a location detection unit (GPS, Fig. 1, 12) in the mobile telephone (Ayoub, Col. 4, lines 2 – 12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Ayoub to Hall to provide a system for communicating the location of an emergency caller from a mobile telephone set through a telephone network to a control station handling the emergency all which can be easily implemented.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Un C Cho whose telephone number is (703)305-8725. The examiner can normally be reached on M ~ F 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin can be reached on (703)308-6739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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